

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 and 17-19 are currently pending in the application. Applicant previously elected Claims 1-18 in response to a restriction requirement, previously cancelled Claim 16, and currently is canceling non-elected Claim 19 and rejected Claims 1, 2, and 10.

Also, Applicant has corrected the problems found in line 3 of Claim 18 where text was both underlined and struck-through and corrected the indefiniteness problem of Claim 18 relating to antecedent basis under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph for "the means for pressurizing the upstream area".

Applicant gratefully acknowledges that Claims 6-9 and 12 are allowed.

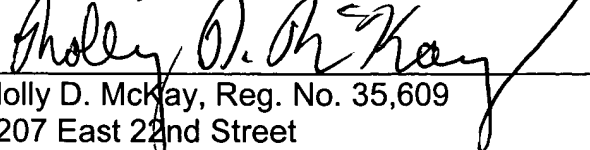
The Examiner has objected to Claims 3-5, 11, 13-15, and 17 but has stated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Also, the Examiner stated that Claim 18 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the indefiniteness problem cited above and also rewritten in independent form. Applicant has rewritten each of these claims as suggested by the Examiner and these claims are believed to now be allowable.

In summary, Applicant has canceling non-elected Claim 19, corrected the problems found in line 3 of Claim 18 where text was both underlined and struck-through, corrected the indefiniteness problem of Claim 18 relating to antecedent basis, and rewritten Claims 3-5, 11, 13-15, 17 and 18 in independent form as recommended by the Examiner. Applicant has canceled Claims 1, 2, and 10. The Examiner has allowed Claims 6-9 and 12.

It is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees to the deposit account of the undersigned, No. 13-0470.

Respectfully submitted,


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